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Transmittal of Assessment of CATARATA (ex-CACHINNO 4)

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1. Transmitted herewith is subject assessment of ex-CACHINNO 4 who is now being processed for use in connection with the training program concept as set forth in WMA 7083, Attachment 1, para 4.

2. PRQ Part I and additional biographical data have been forwarded under separate cover.

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INTERVIEW OF CATARINA (ex-CACHINO 4)

1. LANC-CHINO 4 is a very sharp operator whose talents could be purchased for a reasonable price. He claims to be a sincere anti-Bolshevik but when further questioned as to the reason why, his explanation is none too convincing. It is the opinion of the interrogator that subject is anti-Bolshevik because it is more convenient for him to take on that role. Due to his wartime service with Vlassov, subject did not return to the U.S.S.R. where before the war life for him was not too bad.

2. Subject has always managed to make a comfortable living for himself without too much hard work. He prefers and so far has been able to work with his head rather than his hands. Even when he was taken prisoner by the Germans, he managed to arrange special status for himself almost immediately after his capture. Soon after the end of his service with Vlassov, subject found himself in the U.S. zone of Germany where life for the average DP was hard and cold and here again subject applied his talents and managed to arrange his personal life on fairly comfortable terms. When rooms were being shared by 4 and 5 people, subject managed to secure an apartment for himself and his female companion. He never lacked money as the black market offered him a very comfortable income.

3. Subject's family life seems to have become a habit rather than family life as it should be. Here again it is probably more convenient for him to have a wife rather than a hired maid. During the interrogation, which lasted three days, subject exhibited a remarkably keen memory of events dating back to his childhood. However, he had difficulty in recalling the date of his marriage and the date of birth of his only child.

4. Subject creates a very favorable impression of himself at first sight, and after a few minutes conversation with him, one has a tendency to run to the nearest safe and deposit all the available cash for safekeeping.

5. Subject is a moderate drinker and probably indulges in normal extra-marital activities. He is able to mix with all sorts of people very successfully. He is of above-average intelligence and possesses many qualities of leadership and is a good organizer.

6. Subject reads, writes, and speaks Russian fluently and claims to be fluent in German. (Note: The interrogator is not a German speaker, so he is unable to judge.)

7. Due to subject's black market activities for the past 6 years he is intimately acquainted with all German and U.S. laws and regulations and knows how to circumvent them when necessary.

8. If a comfortable living is provided for the subject, it is the opinion of the interrogator that the security aspects will be fairly good. It is more advantageous for him to work for a U.S. agency at the present time.

9. Due to the fact that subject has been out of touch with the Soviets for a period of 8 years, some training will be necessary before he could be utilized as an instructor at RMT. This man could also be utilized as a contact man or a recruiter. For the latter, very little training would be necessary.

10. As of this date, no offers of employment have been made to the subject. No reasonable offer will be turned down. Provisional clearance was granted by Headquarters on 1 August 1951.

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ASSESSMENT OF CATARATA (ex CACHINNO 4)

The following is extracted from a contact report written by G. P. Sabarth:

"On April 24 [] introduced [] to Subject. During the hour interview, subject made a first-rate impression. He is the son of a former Russian Admiral. When the war broke out, subject was near the head of his class in the Russian Institute (electro-technical). Apparently his unusual intelligence overcame the obstacles which normally face the student. He was one of the select group that was first taught the use of the rockets "Katyusha". As a battery commander it was he that fired the first salvo ever fired on the front (142 rounds in 12 seconds. The result apparently was sensational. Not only did the Germans flee in panic but the Russians as well. It was days before contact was re-established!)

"In 1942 subject fell prisoner to the Germans at Stalingrad. He was taken to the camp where Vlassov was being held. When the latter finally in 1944 organized an army, he selected subject as his adjutant. After the war subject did a little of everything and married. They now have a small child.

"Subject has had no dealings with the Americans and for a long time was inactive in SBAR, feeling that nothing positive was being done. He is obviously anxious to serve the cause and, according to C-1 5, is fearless. His intelligence is obvious, and he has wit and humor. He said he would like to train cadres for the future war which he considers inevitable. Resistance in the U.S.S.R. at present would be difficult to organize and must not be undertaken light-heartedly. A continuing help would have to be guaranteed. Subject mentioned student circles as one of the most promising fields.

"C-1 5 knows subject well and says his one weakness was his interest in black market. However he thinks this interest has slackened considerably in the last years. He feels as does the undersigned that subject is of instructor calibre either for training or for MOPE. Subject is ready to leave his wife for a long period if his usefulness is guaranteed."

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